ment under Section 16 (9) of the Legislative Council Regulation, II of 1097.

Item.	Amount.	Particulars.
	Rs.	
Demand I. Public works Department.	1,04,000	For the construction of Pallivasal-Neriamangalam Road.
Demand IX. General Administration.—C. Legislative Council.	4,708	For the appointment of special staff for the preparation of the Legislative Council Electoral Rolls.
Demand XVII. Chemical Examiner, Ayurveda and Sanitation.	8,000	For expenses in connection with the prevention of plague.
Demand XXII. Miscellaneous.	1,000	For relief measures in connection with the out-break of fire at Quilon Beach.
Do.	543	For the pay of the staff attached to the office of the President, Unemployment Committee for a period of three months from the 1st Kumbhom 1103.
Do.	387	On account of the pay of the staff, travelling allowances and contingent expenditure of the Munro Island Committee.

DEMANDS FOR SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS.

DEMAND XVI—MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE (*Senior Surgeon, Women's Medical Service*): Sir, I move for a supplementary grant not exceeding Rs. 8,241 under Demand XVI—Medical Department. This is for meeting three items of expenditure. The first is for the purpose of purchase and repair of furniture for the New Wards in the General Hospital, Trivandrum, and the Victoria Hospital, Quilon. The cost is Rs. 6,000. This amount was sanctioned by this House, for it was included in the sum of Rs. 20,000 that was sanctioned by this House in the last Budget Session for purchase of furniture. Orders for some of these articles had been placed with firms in Bombay and Madras. But those firms were not able to supply the articles in time. The money therefore lapsed. The furniture has now arrived and it has to be paid for. Hence this demand for supplementary grant.

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MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whether Medicine was supplied to Hospitals and Dispensaries during the current year.

MRS. M.POONEN LUKOSE (*Senior Surgeon, Women's Medical Service*): Yes.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know why the seven dispensaries newly sanctioned for the current year were not opened, or how many were opened ?

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): I rise to a point of order, Sir. The question asked does not relate to the demand moved by Mrs. Lukose. It is open to the member to put any questions on the matter on which she is speaking. But the opening of dispensaries is not an item in the demand.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): She is speaking on a matter relating to the Medical Department about which I have given a notice of motion for reduction. As regards other items, one which relates to Cholera, etc., I have little or no objection.

PRESIDENT: Your motion must be relevant to the subject matter on which a grant is sought and here the grant is sought for the purchase and repair of furniture for the new wards in the General Hospital, Trivandrum, and the Victoria Hospital, Quilon, expenses in connection with the outbreak of cholera in South Travancore and scholarship to Miss N. Lakshmi, student, Medical School, Vellore. If you can bring your discussions within relevancy of these three points it is open to you to do so. But if you pass outside the ambit of these three points I am afraid you are out of order.

MRS. M.POONEN LUKOSE (*Senior Surgeon, Women's Medical Service*): The second item of expenditure is to meet the expenses in connection with the outbreak of cholera in South Travancore. The sum of Rs. 1881 is required to pay for the travelling allowance of the medical officers, posted for cholera duty and for the special car that was hired for the purpose, and for the pay of the compounders, peons and others.

The third item is for the grant of a scholarship to Miss Lakshmi who is now studying in the Medical School at Vellore. One of the Popular Assembly Members petitioned Government to give a scholarship to one of the students of the depressed classes, namely, the Vilakkutala class. Miss. Lakshmi is already in the school. Government decided to give her a scholarship for 12 months from July 1927.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Sir, I move that the allotment of Rs. 8,241 under Demand XVI, Medical Department, be reduced by Re. 1. Sir, as indicated, my main object in moving the cut motion is to get an explanation from the member in charge of the Medical Department as to why the seven dispensaries newly sanctioned during the current year were not opened.

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): I rise to a point of order. I do not know whether this motion is relevant under his demand.

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PRESIDENT: I have already given a Ruling on that point.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): I do not catch you. There is something between you and the member. May I continue?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): I rise to a point of order. If the motion has anything to do with the demand under consideration, he can move it. If not, the motion is out of order.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I proceed, Sir?

PRESIDENT: I have already given you a ruling Mr. Nilakanta Pillai, on the point of order raised by the Law Member.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): That is only with reference to questioning the official member.

PRESIDENT: You are not in possession of the House, Mr. Narayana Pillai. When Mr. Nilakanta Pillai sits down you can speak.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Under a total cut anything can be brought in. It is a total cut. Therefore I can speak generally on the subject. The point of order raised is inapplicable.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I just remind the member that on a former occasion the same subject matter was discussed and the distinguished Deputy President who sat—

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry South*): I rise to a point of order. May I know what the member is doing?

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): I am just reminding the member that when on a former occasion this was discussed there was a ruling given. A question of policy cannot be discussed when a supplementary grant comes up. That was the ruling on that occasion.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): I wish to know whether my friend is in order.

PRESIDENT: He is not in order.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): I wish to know what the President says on the point.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): It is open to any member to urge any grounds that directly bear on the points at issue to show that the demand should not be granted. The arguments must bear directly on the demand. But questions of general policy should not be raised. This is the practice elsewhere and it is the practice in this House also.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Is not a question of policy regarding the Department irrelevant now?

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): Yes, that is what I say. The criticisms must bear on the furniture in reference to item 1 or the outbreak of cholera under item 2, or the scholarship to Miss Lakshmi under item 3.

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MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry South*): How can we elicit information if the Government come for a supplementary grant without coming for an original grant on the same subject?

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): These are specific points.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whether there is any significance to the indication on the margin 'Demand XVI' Medical Department'.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): That is the demand under which this motion is brought.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Therefore is a cut in order?

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): No, it is not in order. The specific purposes of the demand are specified here. It is open to the member to show that this amount should not be granted. But he cannot speak on the general policy of the department.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): I wish to speak a word on the point of order. My friend Mr. Parameswaran Pillai says that you cannot discuss the policy when a supplementary grant comes up, and that we can discuss it only at the time of the budget estimate. Before a ruling comes from the President I wish to submit that when the question of the Regulations and Proclamations is taken up we have to discuss whether a publication is necessary or not and whether this amount is necessary or not. Before a ruling on that point is given, that aspect has also to be borne in mind.

PRESIDENT: I think there is a ruling on this same point in the last Session.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): I wish to say a word. The learned Law Member has not said that there is no policy involved here. I ask you, "you came for supplementary grants; we allowed the amount. Then why do you not execute the work"? There is no policy there. "Why did you not do it"? That is all that we ask.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): He can put that question at the debate on the budget estimates.

MR. G. RAMAN MENON (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I put in a word upon the point of order? Rule 53 of the Legislative Council Rules deals with supplementary or additional grants. Part (2) of that rule runs as follows:—

"Supplementary or additional estimates shall be dealt with in the same way by the Council as if they were demands for grants."

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): *Hear, hear.*

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MR. G. RAMAN MENON (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): In the face of that express provision in the Legislative Council Rules, I think the objection raised cannot stand at all. Representative bodies should proceed on the principle of broadening down from precedent to precedent, not of narrowing the privileges of the House. I am certain all such token motions for discussing the policy were allowed before even in the case of supplementary grants. Here in the case of supplementary grants it is expressly provided that supplementary grants should be dealt with exactly on the same basis as the budget demands. So I submit that the motion is completely in order.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): The question is one of relevancy. When the whole Demand of the Department is moved, members can discuss on the whole department. But when a supplementary grant for a single item is asked for, you can discuss that point only. That is the practice elsewhere and it is the practice here also.

MR. M. SUBRAHMANYA PILLAI (*Agastisvaram*): When the demand is for a part of one department could you discuss on another subject?

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): No. As I said it is a question of relevancy. It seems to me that this is not a matter that is liable to argument at great length. Because there is any number of precedents in this House in regard to that and I can quote them if necessary.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): Will he be so good as to give the last instance on which the President ruled?

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): One precedent is contained in Volume II, page 52. Another is a very recent one.

PRESIDENT: Mr. Nilakanta Pillai, your enquiry is a perfectly legitimate one and would be readily answered if it had been brought in the right place. In this particular place it happens to be not strictly relevant. There is nothing strictly wrong with your question and there is absolutely no reason why you should not get an answer in full. The only point is that it is not relevant to the particular demand that is being dealt with here. I am quite sure if you want the information it can be readily given to you either on another occasion when it can be brought in relevantly, or, if you will be content with it, it can be given in the Secretariat.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Sir, I wish to support the motion. I think I should be failing in my duty if I do not take this opportunity to speak on this subject with reference to item No. 2.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): The motion has been ruled out of order. I want to know whether there is any motion before the House at all.

PRESIDENT: The motion of the medical member is before the House for discussion.

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MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*) : When there is no opposition is the matter open to any discussion?

PRESIDENT : It is not strictly in order.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*) : Sir, am I to understand that supporting would be necessarily preceded by opposition?

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*) : It is a matter of convenience. If there is no opposition, probably, the speech may be superfluous.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*) : I wish to have a ruling on the subject.

PRESIDENT : It is purely a matter of business convenience.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): I suppose it does not offend any principle.

PRESIDENT : It does not offend any principle in any way.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*) : In speaking a few words on the motion I should like to request the Government to be a little more vigilant in the matter of the safety of the health of the people of South Travancore.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : Sir, I rise to a point of order. My friend is asking that more vigilance should be paid. Is that in order?

PRESIDENT : That is out of order.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*) : I am speaking of the outbreak of cholera in South Travancore with reference to which a supplementary grant is demanded.

PRESIDENT : If you do not touch a question of policy you may speak.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*) : I am not touching any question of policy.

Even now circumstances are such that cholera may break out at any time. The Department should be more vigilant in the matter.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*) : I rise to a point of order. The point is whether it is relevant to the demand.

PRESIDENT : You must keep to the motion.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*) : The Department must be vigilant.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chrayinkil*) : In supporting the motion, Sir, I may speak of Edava near Varkalai. For preventing cholera in South Travancore Government spent a large amount and of course hundreds of lives were saved.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*) : Was there cholera?

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : Please listen to me. I am coming to that. There were half a dozen cases of cholera at Edava. There is absence of medical aid near Edava. Therefore the proposed dispensary at Varkalai should be hurried.

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PRESIDENT: You have had a pleasant interlude. Let us get on to business now. May I take it that the House sanctions the grant?

The motion was carried and the grant was made.

DEMAND XIX—SCIENTIFIC AND MISCELLANEOUS DEPARTMENTS.

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Sir, I beg to move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 1,000 under Demand XIX—Scientific and Miscellaneous Department (Museum and Public Gardens). The Honorary Director, Government Museum and Public Gardens, asked for Rs. 10,000 during last year. Government sanctioned only Rs. 8,500. Towards the end of Vrischikam 1103, the Director under the sanction of Government got down two giraffes.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): May I know the price paid for each?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): I have not got the information here.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): May I know where they were got from?

PRESIDENT: Rhodesia.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): May I know whether they contemplated exchanging our animals here or they paid cash for them.

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): We paid cash and some cow elephants were promised. I do not know exactly the stage at which the correspondence stands.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): May I know what became of the promise?

PRESIDENT: Besides the money one cow elephant has been promised. This cow elephant has been captured and is being trained before being sent away.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): May I know whether Government thought of exchanging animals alone so that money need not be paid?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): There was such a proposal at first, but the Government were not able to comply with that request.

MR. KURANDIPALLIL R. RAMAN PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I know the exact amount paid for the animals?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): I have given the answer already.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): May I know the price fixed for the cow elephant?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): That information also is not available now.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): So you are not able to mention the cost of the animals.

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